

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
VERIZON HAWAII INC.) Docket No. 02-0120
For Approval of Amendment No. 2) Decision and Order No. 19468
to the Interconnection Agreement)
Between AT&T Wireless Services,)
Inc. and Verizon Hawaii Inc.)

DECISION AND ORDER

I.

By application filed on May 8, 2002, VERIZON HAWAII INC. (Verizon Hawaii), fka GTE HAWAIIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY INCORPORATED (GTE Hawaiian Tel), seeks commission approval of Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) to the interconnection agreement negotiated with AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, INC. (AT&T Wireless). Verizon Hawaii makes its request in accordance with 47 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 252(e) and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 6-80-54.

Copies of the Amendment were served on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy (Consumer Advocate).

In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), if a State commission does not act to approve or reject a negotiated interconnection agreement within 90 days after the agreement is submitted to the commission, "the agreement shall be deemed

approved."¹ The 90-day deadline governing the commission's review is on or about August 6, 2002.

II.

By Decision and Order No. 17480, filed on January 14, 2000, in Docket No. 99-0358, the commission approved the negotiated interconnection agreement between GTE Hawaiian Tel and AT&T Wireless² (Underlying Agreement). Among other things, the Amendment sets forth new reciprocal compensation rates for the transport and termination of calls.

The commission, in its review of the Amendment, is governed by 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) and HAR § 6-80-54. These sections provide that the commission may reject a negotiated agreement only if:

1. The agreement, or any portion of the agreement, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement; or
2. The implementation of the agreement, or any portion of the agreement, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Upon review, the commission finds that the Amendment, filed on May 8, 2002, does not discriminate against other telecommunications carriers and the implementation of the

¹Accord HAR § 6-80-54(c).

²In addition, as referenced in the application, the commission approved a negotiated interconnection agreement submitted by GTE Hawaiian Tel and AT&T Wireless in Decision and Order No. 15699, filed on July 11, 1997, in Docket No. 97-0155.

Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Thus, the commission will approve the Amendment.

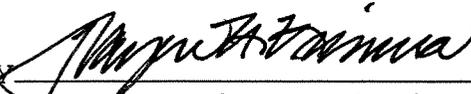
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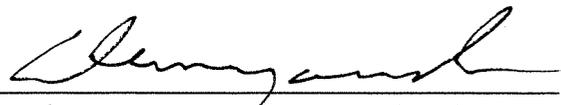
THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The Amendment to the Underlying Agreement between Verizon Hawaii and AT&T Wireless, submitted on May 8, 2002, is approved.
2. This docket is closed.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 16th day of July, 2002.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Dennis R. Yamada, Commissioner

By (EXCUSED)
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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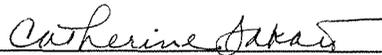
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Decision and Order No. 19468 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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